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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Request for subvention to the Institute resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research contained in document A/47/345

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of article VIII of the statute of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), 1/ the recommendation by the Board of Trustees of the Institute for a subvention for 1993 of $220,000 from the regular budget of the United Nations is hereby transmitted to the General Assembly for approval.

2. The Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, in its capacity as Board of Trustees of UNIDIR, adopted the 1993 draft programme of work and proposed budget estimates of the Institute (A/47/345, annex II). The Board recalled that, at its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly had approved an appropriation of $440,000 under section 5, Disarmament, as a subvention to UNIDIR from the regular budget of the United Nations for the biennium 1992-1993. Accordingly, an amount of $220,000 has been earmarked for the year 1992 and the remaining $220,000 for 1993. In keeping with the observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) that,

notwithstanding the inclusion of that amount in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, a formal request for a subvention for 1993 would have to be made to the General Assembly, the Board recommended a subvention from the regular budget of the United Nations amounting to $220,000 for 1993.

3. Should the General Assembly decide to approve the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of UNIDIR, no additional appropriation would be required for the United Nations programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

4. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/201 B, section IV, entitled "Subvention from the regular budget to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research", the Secretary-General is requested, inter alia, "to report annually to the General Assembly on the situation of the Institute". In this connection it should be noted that the financial situation of the Institute is as follows:

(a) Funds available at the beginning of 1992 amounted to $357,100, including the operating cash reserve of $192,600.

(b) The total 1992 income from voluntary contributions ($573,500), public donations ($6,200), interest ($20,000), miscellaneous sources ($37,600), and subvention from the United Nations regular budget ($220,000) is estimated at $857,300. This figure shows a decrease of $184,400 over the estimates given in 1991, due mainly to a decrease in governmental contributions in non-convertible currencies. The breakdown of voluntary contributions pledged for and received in 1992 is provided in annex I to the present document.

(c) The total 1992 expenditure is estimated at $1,091,900, which includes a provision of $38,900 for programme support costs and shows a downward revision of $122,800 in the light of the reduced funds available. The breakdown of 1992 revised estimated expenditure is provided in annex II to the present document.

(d) Funds available at the end of 1992 are estimated at $122,500.

5. ACABQ in its report on the draft programme and proposed budget of UNIDIR for 1993 requested information on tied contributions to be made available to the Institute in 1992 and 1993. In this regard it should be noted that the Institute will continue to receive in 1992 and 1993 voluntary contributions tied to specific projects. It is estimated that from 75 to 80 per cent of such contributions would be applied to the substantive costs of the projects, while between 20 and 25 per cent would go towards administrative costs of the Institute. Annexes III and IV provide a detailed list of 1992 and 1993 voluntary contributions which are tied to specific projects.

6. In the report of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters in its capacity as Board of Trustees of UNIDIR (A/47/345, annex II), the members of the Board "were particularly appreciative of the vigorous fund-raising efforts of the Director which had doubled the amount of contributions in convertible

currency and broadened the base of financial support for the Institute", but, at the same time recognizing the increasing difficulty in guaranteeing the financial viability of UNIDIR, the Board "expressed the view that the annual subvention from the regular budget of the United Nations would continue to be needed in order to assure the independence of the Institute". The Secretary-General concurs with the observations made by the Board.

Notes

1/ General Assembly resolution 39/148 H, annex.

Annex I

INSTITUTE'S CONTRIBUTIONS PLEDGED FOR AND RECEIVED IN 1992

	Pledged a/	Received b/
	$	$
I. Convertible currencies		
Governmental contributions		
Argentina	-	2 139
Australia	-	14 135
Bangladesh	-	503
Brazil	-	2 000
Canada	20 700	20 719
Cyprus	-	1 000
Finland	12 500	14 435
France	298 900	298 886
Germany	-	11 000
Greece	5 000	5 000
India	10 000	10 000
Indonesia	5 000	5 000
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1 000	-
Malta	1 000	1 000
Myanmar	1 500	1 500
New Zealand	4 400	3 732
Nigeria	10 000	10 193
Norway	50 000	58 000
Republic of Korea	7 000	7 000
Spain	13 900	14 039
Sweden	25 000	25 000
Switzerland	47 000	67 114
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	30 000	-
Subtotal A	542 900	572 395

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	Pledged a/	Received b/
	$	$
B. Private contributors		
Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security	5 000	10 467
Ford Foundation	50 000	50 000
Subtotal B	55 000	60 467
II. Non-convertible currencies		
China	57 600	55 500
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	167 600	-
Total II	225 200	55 500
GRAND TOTAL (I + II)	823 100	688 362

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a/ As per estimates presented in June 1991 and contained in document A/46/334.

b/ Annual receipts as at 25 September 1992.

Annex II

ESTIMATES OF 1992 EXPENDITURES

Resource requirements	Initial estimates	Revised estimates*
	(Thousands of United States dollars)	
A. Direct programme and administrative costs		
Temporary assistance for meetings	25.7	1.2
Consultants' fees and travel	-	43.1
Ad hoc expert groups	328.8	239.8
Salaries and related staff costs	467.4	469.5
Personal service contracts	169.7	157.3
Fellowship programme (stipend)	30.3	30.0
Official travel of staff	106.9	59.8
Travel of fellows	8.0	8.0
External printing and binding	10.0	10.0
Rental and maintenance of equipment	4.5	26.4
Supplies and materials	3.3	7.9
Acquisition of office equipment	-	-
General operating expenses	28.0	-
Total	1 182.6	1 053.0
B. Programme support costs		
(5 per cent of Total A less United Nations subvention and expenditure in non-convertible currencies)	32.1	38.9
Total estimated expenditure (A + B)	1 214.7	1 091.9
C. Operating cash reserve		
(15 per cent of Total A and B less United Nations subvention and expenditure in non-convertible currencies)	149.2	122.5
GRAND TOTAL A + B + C	1 363.9	1 214.4

* Includes $55,500 in non-convertible currency (Chinese RMB) broken down as follows: $24,000 under ad hoc expert groups; $3,400 under travel of staff; $23,100 under rental and maintenance of equipment; and $4,600 under supplies and materials in connection with the Regional Conference in Beijing.

Annex III

1992 TIED CONTRIBUTIONS

Donor	Total amount of tied contribution	Substantive costs	Administrative costs
	(Thousands of United States dollars)		
A. Convertible currency			
1. Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security (CIIPS)	11.2*	6.7 a/	4.5
2. Finland	14.4	7.6 b/	6.8
3. Ford Foundation	50.0	47.7 c/	2.3
4. Germany	11.0	11.0 d/	0.0
5. Norway	50.0	31.0 b/	19.0
6. Sweden	25.0	14.8 a/	10.2
7. Switzerland pledge	23.8	23.8 d/	0.0
	185.4	142.6	42.8
B. Non-convertible currency			
1. China	55.5	50.2 c/	5.3
TOTAL A + B	240.9	192.8	48.1
	(100%)	(80%)	(20%)

* Anticipated total tied contribution in 1992.

a/ For the project on "Confidence-Building Measures for Maritime Security".

b/ For the UNIDIR Fellowship Programme.

c/ For the Conference of Research Institutes in Asia and the Pacific.

d/ For the project on "Regional Approaches to Disarmament, Security and Stability".

Annex IV

1993 TIED CONTRIBUTIONS
(All convertible currency)

Donor	Total amount of tied contribution	Substantive costs	Administrative costs
	(Thousands of United States dollars)		
1. Ford Foundation	74.0	63.8 a/	10.2
2. Myanmar	1.5	1.5 b/	.0
3. Norway	50.0	38.0 c/	12.0
4. United States Institute for Peace (USIP)	30.0	12.4 d/	17.6
TOTAL	155.5	115.7	39.8
	(100%)	(74.4%)	(25.6%)

a/ For the Conference of Research Institutes in the Middle East.

b/ For the Research Project on "Security of Small States".

c/ For the UNIDIR Fellowship Programme.

d/ For the Research Project on "European Security in the 1990s: New Challenges and Perspectives.